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New U.S. Patent Application  
Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR ADDRESS  
SPACING IN A FIREWALL CLUSTER  
Inventor: Steven Y. Zhou

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - cover page and 32 pages, including 12 independent claims and 45 claims total.
2. Drawings - 8 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-8).
3. Request for Non-Publication of Application and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i).

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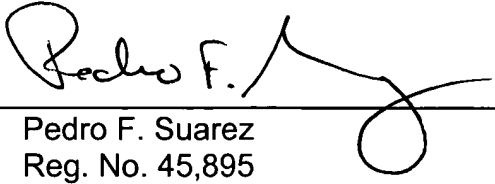
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As an authorized agent of the above-identified Applicant, the undersigned attorney hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b).

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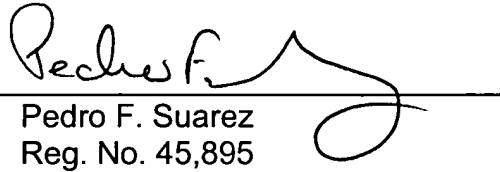
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